

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
OFFICE OF SUPPLIER DIVERSITY
AND
DIVISION OF MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS

April 14, 2008

Dear New Jersey Small Business Owners and Friends,

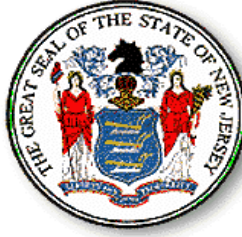
The State of New Jersey is committed to empowering small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises (SMWBEs) to participate in greater numbers in the economic process. This past January, the Office of Supplier Diversity was created in the Department of Treasury to provide training and support on how to navigate State and private industry contracting and procurement processes.

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Business Informational Forums on one of the days listed on the attached flyer. The first forum is scheduled for **Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 10:00AM at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton**. Forums are also scheduled in Camden, New Brunswick, and Newark. **The forum is intended to brief you on the supplier diversity program, as well as spark a dialogue about your concerns and expectations of the supplier diversity initiative. The forum is also expected to identify and seek solutions to the issues surrounding the small business set-aside program.**

It is our hope that this first ever business forum will open the doors of communication and allow changes to occur that will benefit the State as well as the Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Community.

We look forward to your attendance and your participation. **PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!**

Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing your RSVP to TYBOSDD@TREAS.STATE.NJ.US . If you have questions, please call 609-984-1036.



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2008 STATEWIDE BUSINESS FORUMS

LEARN ABOUT

- NEW SUPPLIER DIVERSITY INITIATIVE
- DISCUSS SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM
- OPEN DIALOGUE ABOUT CONTRACT PROCESS

May 1, 2008 – Thomas Edison State College
Camden -TBD
New Brunswick - TBD
Newark - TBD

All forums will be held from 10am to 12 pm

The mission of the Office of Supplier Diversity is to foster sustainable economic growth for small, minority and women business enterprises by providing training and support on State and private industry contracting processes.

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